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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

A Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith in response to the Final Office Action dated July 16, 2002. The shortened statutory period for response was three months from the mailing date, i.e., by October 16, 2002. A Petition for a three (3) month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the time period for response to January 16, 2003. Please enter the following new claims and remarks into the record for this application.

Please add new claims 57-59 as follows.

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